



Sermon Guide: Jeremiah: Faithfulness 01/18/26

Text(s): Jeremiah 20:7-18

Big Idea: *Faithfulness in hard seasons means holding fast to God when obedience hurts and hope feels far off.*

Summary of the Sermon - Jeremiah 20 shows us faithfulness deep into a long season where obedience has become costly and hope feels far off. After years of rejection and escalation into physical suffering, Jeremiah clings to God's truth and gives voice to his pain through honest lament. His prayer does not bring immediate relief or resolution, but it leaves him before God, and Scripture shows that he endures. In Christ, we see that this kind of faithful lament does not end alone, as Jesus Himself carried the weight of obedience through suffering, death, and resurrection.

Discussion Questions

1. Where did you see yourself most clearly in Jeremiah's story—under the weight of long obedience, clinging to truth, or giving voice to lament? Why?
2. Jeremiah had been faithful for nearly twenty years before this breaking point. How does that change the way you understand his pain—and the pain of others who feel worn down by faithfulness?
3. Have you ever experienced a season where obedience to God led to hardship rather than relief? What was that like for you?
4. Jeremiah clings to truth in the middle of unresolved pain. What truths about God are hardest for you to hold onto when hope feels far off?
5. Verses 14–18 are a lament. How comfortable are you bringing raw, unfiltered honesty to God in prayer? What might keep you from doing that?
6. Jeremiah does not stop serving the Lord, even when he wishes he did not have to carry the weight of his calling. What does this teach us about faithfulness in seasons when quitting feels appealing?
7. What would it look like this week to practice faithfulness by bringing your pain honestly before God rather than trying to fix or suppress it?
8. Jesus carried the weight of obedience all the way to the cross and was raised from the dead. How does his endurance shape the way you view your own suffering or unanswered prayers?